

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,  
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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# The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

**W**ELCOME to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your prayers and presence on this day in the life of the parish community. We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

**O**ur worship service takes place here and online; it is also being recorded for later viewing. Fee free to greet one another as is your custom as you gather. When we are ready to start, our Angels Aloft will sound an opening bell. This signals those gathered that our service is now being recorded. Please maintain quiet and turn your attention to our opening activities at this time.

## Opening Bell

Welcome

*Celebrant*

Announcements

*Member of Vestry*

Prelude

Native Statement

*Celebrant*

*We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, including the Upper Skagit and Skagit Tribes who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of this land, who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.*

Mission Statement

*Presider and People:*

**We believe that God is healing and restoring the world, and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.**

*Please stand as able.*

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Here & next page.*

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and  
3. Bless - ed Je - sus, we a - dore You, Light of Life and

peo - ple free. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us  
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy  
Sun of Love. All Your chil - dren bow be - fore You, Speak Your

find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's Strength and Con - so -  
gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal  
name and lift You up. King of Kings, from high - est

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art - Dear de - sire of  
Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone. By Thine all - suf -  
heav - en, Lord of Lords, come rule a - lone. Son of God so

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*cont'd.*



ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.  
sweet - ly giv - en, Make our hearts Your ho - ly throne.

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

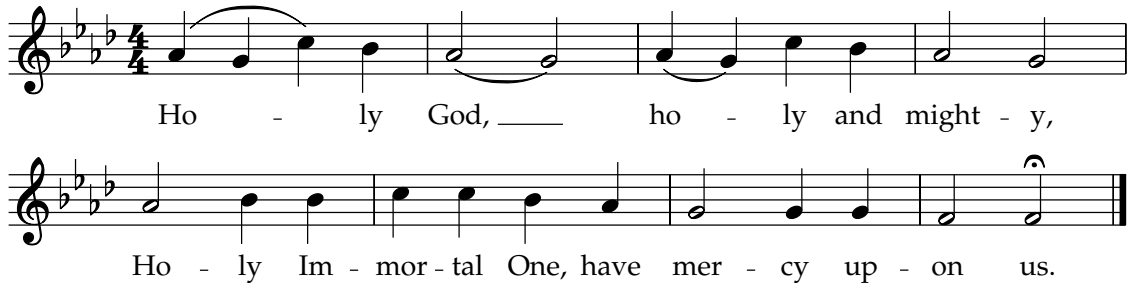
## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Trisagion

(Sing x3)



Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together.

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please be seated.*

### A Reading from Isaiah 7:10-16.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## A Reading from Romans 1:1-7.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn

### Creator of the Stars of Night

*Here & next page.*



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
3 When this old world drew on toward night,  
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
\* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

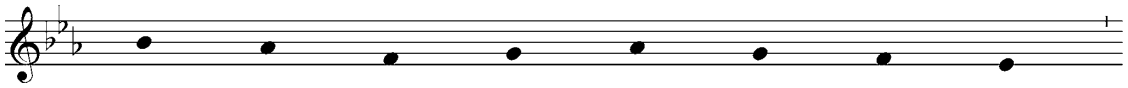


1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,

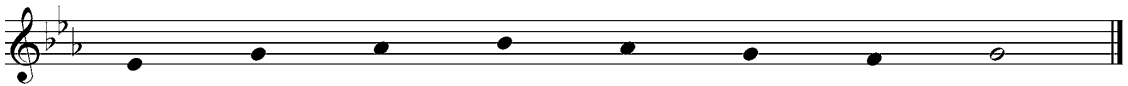


# Creator of the Stars of Night

*cont'd.*



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child  
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.  
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.  
3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 1:18-25.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

*Eucharistic Minister:* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “*Lord, have mercy.*”

*Silence.*

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Saint Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

### Presider and People

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

*Presider speaks an Absolution.*

## The Peace | **La Paz**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. | La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

People: And also with you. | **Y con tu espíritu.**

*If you are worshipping with us virtually, use the chat function to “say” peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.*

## Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

*I will be celebrating my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. I plan to join the Zoom service, as I have been doing ever since the pandemic made it a possibility, and I continue to self-isolate. I am praising God, and am extremely grateful for my long life filled with 2 successful careers, and loving and caring family, friends and co-workers! I enjoy the waves from the congregation members during the Peace-sharing portion of the Zoom services, giving me a feeling of inclusivity. Continuing my active membership since 1966, it does seem strange not to be physically among you all...*

*Merry Christmas and Peace to Everyone!!!*

*Susan Cooper*

*Your gifts are much appreciated.*

*If you are joining this live stream, you may mail your offering/pledge to 415 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. You can also make payments online at [www.stpaulsmv.org](http://www.stpaulsmv.org)*

Offertory Anthem

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

by St. Paul's Choir

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to come forward for communion or blessing. Glutenfree wafers are available. The assembly is invited to stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider and People:*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**Celebrant and People**

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

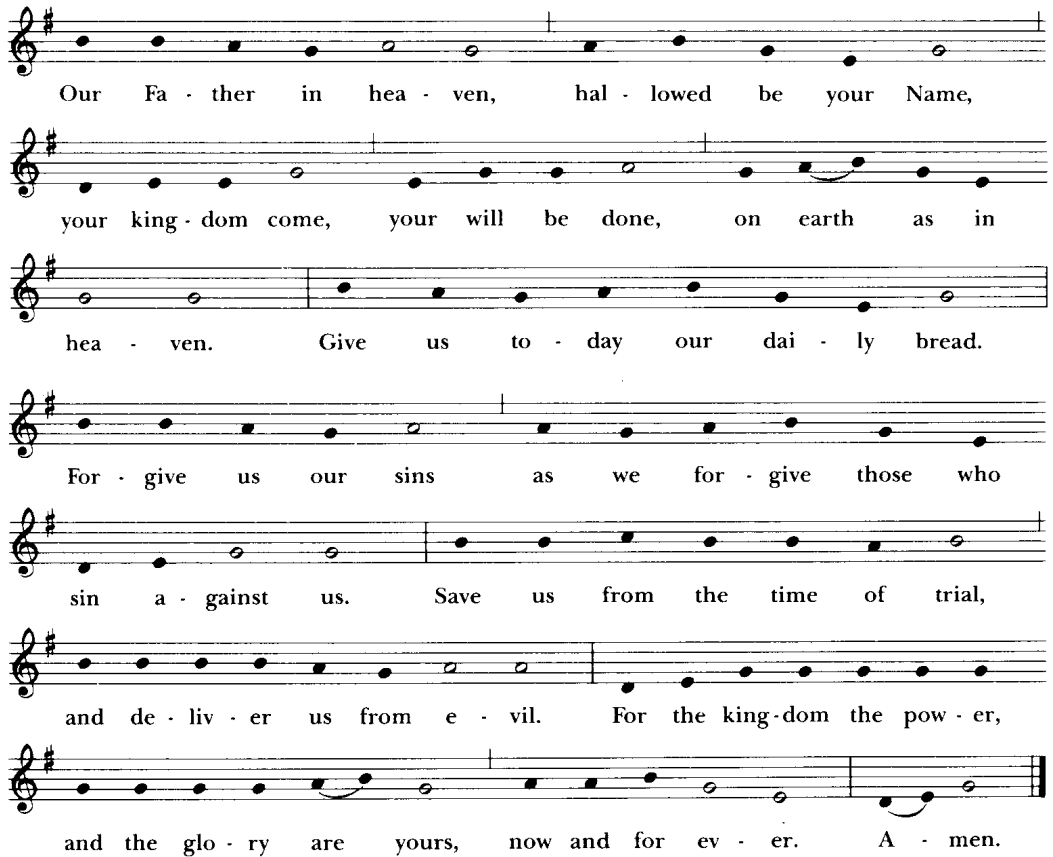
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**



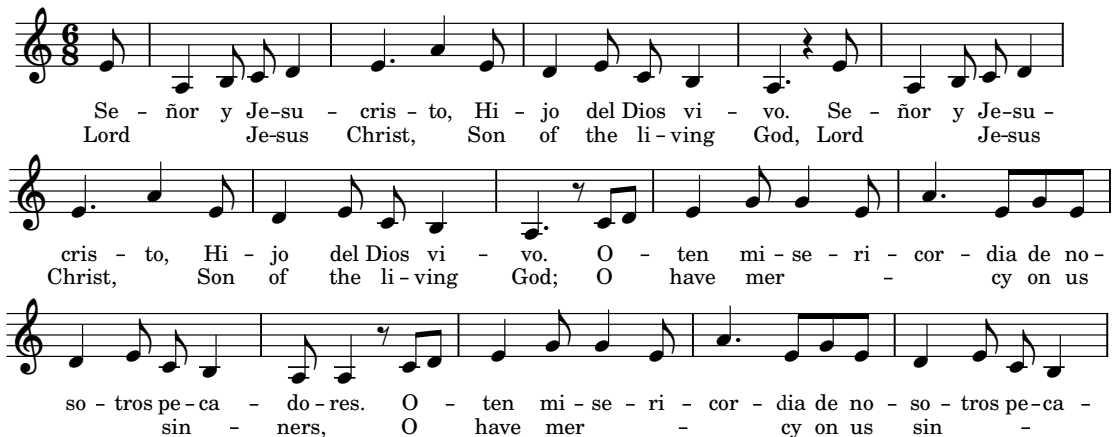
Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



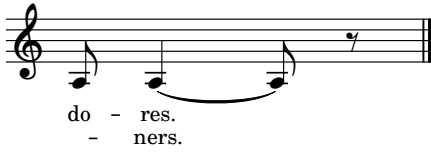
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who  
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom the pow - er,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Song: *(Here & next page.)*



Se - ñor y Je - su - cris - to, Hi - jo del Dios vi - vo. Se - ñor y Je - su -  
Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the li - ving God, Lord Je - sus  
cris - to, Hi - jo del Dios vi - vo. O - ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no -  
Christ, Son of the li - ving God; O have mer - cy on us  
so - tros pe - ca - do - res. O - ten mi - se - ri - cor - dia de no - so - tros pe - ca -  
sin - ners, O have mer - cy on us sin



## The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please be seated.*

*Those present, are invited to receive Holy Communion.*

*You can approach the altar at the direction of the Presider.*

*Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation,  
wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you.*

*We share spiritual communion today.*

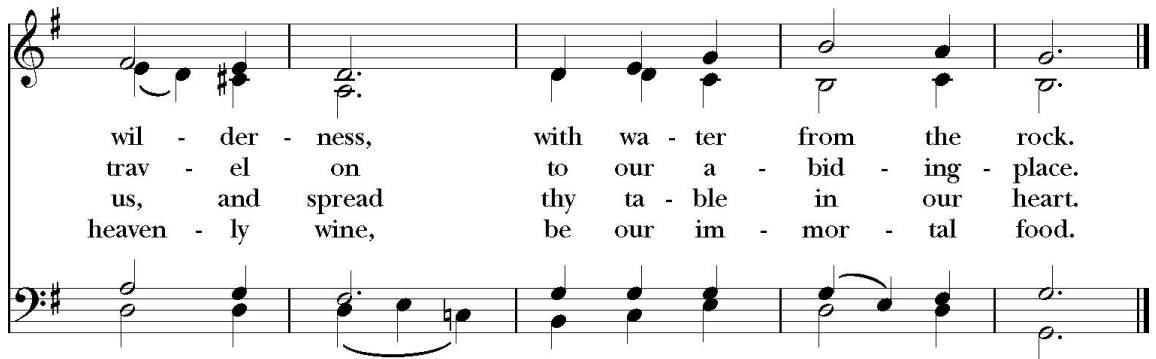
## Communion Hymn

## Shepherd of Souls

*Here & next page.*

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
word of grace, in strength of which we  
then de - part, Sa - vior, a - bide with  
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

### Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors:

*The Presider sends forth the Eucharistic Minister with a blessing:*

Presider: We who are many are one body

People: **Because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Presider: In the name of God and of this congregation we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **As you have been fed, now feed others in the name of Christ.**

Presider: Our prayers go with you. Amen.

### Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn

People, Look East

*Here & next page.*

1 Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more  
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the  
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more  
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
 seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to  
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are  
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
 nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.  
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look  
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.  
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

## People, Look East

*cont'd.*

East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with lyrics underneath. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in the right hand and the bottom staff in the left hand. The piano part features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

## Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words:*

**Presider:** God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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*Offertory - Thank you for giving!*

Please drop your offering in the church's mailbox or mail it to:

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
415 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

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**Serving Today: 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Presider:	The Reverend Paul Moore
Deacon:	Rev. Dennis Taylor, Rev. Vicki Johnson
Music Director:	David Sloat
Eucharistic Minister:	Mary Ann Taylor
Eucharistic Visitor:	Carol/Paul
Lector(s):	Marilyn Allen, Sandy McDougall
Greeters:	Vicki Wesen, Sherri Greenleaf
Counters:	Bonnie Schuh, Marilyn Allen

Your Vestry members request your prayers for this congregation and their leadership. They want to be in conversation with you. Speak with them so they know the needs of the congregation:

Darcy Wells - *Senior Warden*

Dan Niven - *Junior Warden*

Margaret Bird - *Treasurer*

Barb Cheyney - *Clerk*

Michael Boss

Margie Lauer

Sara Young

Joe Thomas

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list.

Please email Penny Worrell at [penny.worrell@gmail.com](mailto:penny.worrell@gmail.com).

## Announcements for December 18, 2022

**Welcome to our guests:** We are so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Please put your name and contact information in our guest book so that we may get to know you better.

### *Christmas Carol Sing*

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on December 24, 2022 for favorite carols in advance of the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

### *Pledge Cards*

If you have not yet turned in your 2023 pledge cards, we would invite you to do so on Sunday. Thank you for giving spirit.

### *Turn in Reimbursement Requests*

Please remember to turn into the office outstanding requests for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses before the year end. Deadline is December 27, 2022.

*Thank you, -St. Paul's*

### *Advent Devotional 2022*

The Advent Devotional Book will be available in a \*.PDF file, on Facebook, on this website ([stpaulsmv.org/category/devotions/](http://stpaulsmv.org/category/devotions/)), and in email format starting on November 26th. If you would like to receive a devotion from it each morning in your email, go here to sign up: [http://eepurl.com/hi9\\_lb](http://eepurl.com/hi9_lb). You do not need to sign up again if they've received any of our devotions by mail since 2019. If you have any questions or know of any shut-in person who needs a paper copy of the devotional book, please email Jen at [jennifer.e.mccabe@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.e.mccabe@gmail.com)

### *Forward Day By Day*

Please help yourself to a hard copy of the new booklet! And, you can read the daily meditation at [prayer.forwardmovement.org/](http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/)

### *Help deck the halls at St. Paul's!*

You may have noticed new decorations appearing around the church as we work our way through Advent. Please help the Altar Guild deck the halls culminating with the Christmas Eve service and through the Christmas season. Red Envelopes are available in the Narthex for your donations. Turn them into any Altar Guild member, the church office, or the Sunday collection plate. Also, include your memorial or celebration designation on the envelope for inclusion in the Christmas bulletins.

## *Welcome to Saint Paul's!*

**W**e hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

**E**veryone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference. We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

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